

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3806–3813; 1 private bill, H.R. 3814; and 5 resolutions, H.Res. 827–828, 831–833 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3200, to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–299, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3200, to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–299, Pt. 2);

H.R. 3200, to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–299, Pt. 3);

H. Res. 829, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2892) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–300); and

H. Res. 830, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2442) to amend the Reclamation Water and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program (H. Rept. 111–301).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Guillermo Maldonado, King Jesus International Ministry, Miami, Florida.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing the vital role family readiness volunteers play in supporting service members and their families: H. Res. 408, to recognize the vital role family readiness volunteers play in supporting service members and their families;

Pages H11306–07

Honoring the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania: H. Res. 754, to honor the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania, including the 56th Brigade Combat Team (Stryker) of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard on its return to the United States from deployment in Iraq;

Pages H11307–09

Recognizing 100 years of military aviation and expressing continued support for military aviators of the United States Armed Forces: H. Res. 445, amended, to recognize 100 years of military aviation

and to express continued support for military aviators of the United States Armed Forces;

Pages H11309–11

Honoring the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard of the State of Washington, including the 81st Brigade Combat Team (Heavy) of the Washington Army National Guard: H. Res. 627, amended, to honor the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard of the State of Washington, including the 81st Brigade Combat Team (Heavy) of the Washington Army National Guard;

Pages H11311–13

Mourning the loss of life caused by the earthquakes and tsunamis that occurred on September 29, 2009, in American Samoa and Samoa: H. Res. 816, to mourn the loss of life caused by the earthquakes and tsunamis that occurred on September 29, 2009, in American Samoa and Samoa, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 777;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Mourning the loss of life caused by the earthquakes and tsunamis that occurred on September 29, 2009, in American Samoa, Samoa, and Tonga.”.

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Expressing condolences to the citizens of Indonesia and support for the Government of Indonesia in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck the island of Sumatra: H. Res. 810, to express condolences to the citizens of Indonesia and support for the Government of Indonesia in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck the island of Sumatra;

Pages H11317–19

Commemorating the canonization of Father Damien de Veuster, SS.CC. to sainthood: H. Res. 786, amended, to commemorate the canonization of Father Damien de Veuster, SS.CC. to sainthood, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 779;

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Celebrating 90 years of United States-Polish diplomatic relations: H. Res. 266, amended, to celebrate 90 years of United States-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world;

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Recognizing the 140th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandbi: H. Res. 603, to recognize the 140th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi;

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Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009: H.R. 3371, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airline safety and

pilot training, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 778; **Pages H11328–38, H11353**

Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas: H. Con. Res. 138, to recognize the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas; **Pages H11338–40**

Commending Russ Meyer on his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame: H. Res. 719, amended, to commend Russ Meyer on his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame; **Pages H11340–41**

Maritime Workforce Development Act: H.R. 2651, amended, to amend title 46, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a maritime career training loan program; **Pages H11341–47**

National Women's History Museum Act of 2009: H.R. 1700, amended, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum; and **Pages H11348–50**

Recognizing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association on the occasion of its 10th anniversary: H. Res. 465, amended, to recognize the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. **Pages H11354–56**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, October 13th:

Expressing support for the designation of the month of October as "National Work and Family Month": H. Res. 768, amended, to express support for the designation of the month of October as "National Work and Family Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 775 and **Page H11351**

Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009: H.R. 1327, amended, to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 776. **Pages H11351–52**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing sympathy for the citizens of the Philippines dealing with Tropical Storm Ketsana and Typhoon Parma: H. Res. 800, amended, to express sympathy for the citizens of the Philippines dealing

with Tropical Storm Ketsana and Typhoon Parma and **Pages H11325–28**

George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 2423, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse", and to designate the jury room in that Federal building and United States courthouse as the "Marcel C. Notzon II Jury Room". **Pages H11347–48**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11305.

Senate Referrals: S. 1510 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and S. 846 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services. **Page H11382**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11351, H11351–52, H11352–53, H11353, H11353–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Afghanistan: Getting the Strategy Right. Testimony was heard from GEN Jack Keane, USA (ret.), Former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE BUDGET ISSUES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Cost of Current Defense Plans: An Analysis of Budget Issues. Testimony was heard from Matthew Goldberg, Acting Assistant Director, National Security, CBO; and Stephen Daggert, Specialist in Defense Policy and Budgets, CRS, Library of Congress.

STUDENT FEDERAL AID ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness held a hearing on Ensuring Student Eligibility Requirements for Federal Aid. Testimony was heard from George A. Scott, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Education: Mary Mitchelson, Acting Inspector General; and Robert Shireman, Deputy Under Secretary; and a public witness.